REMARKS

Claims 22, 28 and 33 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, claims 22-38 are pending in the current application.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and receipt of the certified priority document in the parent application.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 22, 28 and 33 have been amended to overcome the outstanding rejections under this section.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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